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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia for the months of July to October 1966 and for the year ended 30th June 1966 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known South Australian commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

Particulars of poultry slaughtered are given in the following table.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66: Total	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67: July	275	12	3	5	295
August	300	12	3	4	319
September	279	21	3	2	305
October	281	18	4	1	304
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.)					
1965-66: Total	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67: July	885	62	17	62	1,026
August	943	59	17	74	1,093
September	910	108	17	22	1,057
October	929	94	21	11	1,055
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.) (b)					
1965-66: Total	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67: July	665	42	12	47	766
August	713	40	13	56	822
September	693	74	12	17	796
October	717	64	15	8	804

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (444 geese with live weight of 3,979 lb. and dressed weight of 2,795 lb. were slaughtered during 1965-66).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

The numbers of eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965 - 66	JULY 1966	AUGUST 1966	SEPTEMBER 1966	OCTOBER 1966
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Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -					
Meat strains	5,089	480	485	495	542
Egg strains	4,464	887	1,103	852	378
Total eggs	9,553	1,367	1,588	1,347	920
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -					
Chicken meat -					
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	337	374	352	332
Egg strains (b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	19	41	41	43
Egg production -					
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	259	371	385	247
Breeding -					
Egg strains - pullets	70	27	23	9	6
cockerels	8	2	2	3	3
Total chicks (c)	5,378	644	811	790	630

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 27,700 for October 1966.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

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